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For: **SWIRLING TYPE MICRO-BUBBLE GENERATING SYSTEM**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **February 4, 2003**, finally rejecting claims in the above-identified patent application extended to **June 4, 2003** by a **One** month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **AMEND** claim 4 as follows:

4. (Twice Amended) A micro-bubble generating system according to one of claims 1 or 2, wherein a pressurized liquid introducing hole is opened on a part of the circumferential surface of inner wall near a gas-mixture outlet from said interior space.

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